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RULING NO. MC2000-2/4

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Docket No. MC2000-2

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING ON  
DESIGNATION OF TESTIMONY AND CROSS-EXAMINATION  
FROM DOCKET NO. MC98-1

(December 21, 1999)

*Rothschild Testimony and Cross-Examination.* The Postal Service filed a Motion for Designation of Testimony and Cross Examination from Previous Docket as Evidence in Commission Docket No. MC2000-2 (Motion) on November 16, 1999. In this pleading the Service asks the Commission to admit as record evidence in this docket, the direct testimony and cross examination of witness Rothschild in Docket No. MC98-1. The referenced direct testimony is the Direct Testimony of Beth B. Rothschild on Behalf of United States Postal Service, PRC Docket No. MC98-1, USPS-T-4. The referenced cross-examination testimony is in the Official Transcript of Proceeding, PRC Docket No. MC98-1, Vol. 2, at 428-79.

The Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a response to the Postal Service Motion on December 16, 1999. The OCA response did not oppose the designation of the Rothschild testimony or the designation of the associated cross-examination. No other participants filed a response to the Postal Service Motion.

The Postal Service Motion to designate the Rothschild testimony and cross-examination into the MC2000-2 record shall be granted.

*Designation of Other Testimony and Cross-Examination From Docket No. MC98-*

1. The issue of designating testimony from Docket No. MC98-1 for use in Docket No. MC2000-2 was raised at the pre-hearing conference held on December 13, 1999.

Designating testimony is viewed as a timesaving procedure to avoid repeating testimony and cross-examination that is relevant and that has previously been presented in the Commission.

To protect the due process rights of all participants, all participants shall be allowed to designate relevant testimony from Docket No. MC98-1. Objection to designations shall be allowed. Counter-designations to make the record complete are permissible. It shall also be permissible to file an update to pertinent sections of the designated testimony where the testimony designated requires updating. Any such updates will be subject to discovery and/or cross-examination.

Notices of designation shall be filed by January 5, 2000. Notices of objection to designation, counter designation, and updates to designated testimony and cross-examination shall be filed by January 12, 2000.

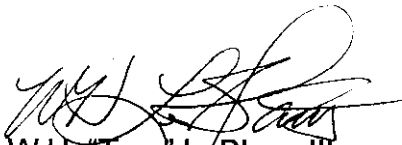
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